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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2, and have added new Claims 22 and 23. Thus, Claims 1-23 are presented for examination. The specific changes to the amended claims are shown above in the Amendments to the Claims, wherein the insertions are underlined and the ~~deletions are stricken through~~.

In the Office Action dated April 28, 2006, the Examiner has required the election of one of six groups of claims. In response, the Applicants hereby elect **Group I** (drawn to an isolated antibody that specifically binds to amphetamine, and an article of manufacture comprising said antibody) without traverse. As indicated in the Office Action, Group I includes Claims 1-3, 6-15, and 20-21. Of these, Claims 1-2, 6-15 and 20 are linking claims that link Groups I-III. Claims 3 and 21 are non-linking claims in Group I.

The Examiner has further required a species election of a specific heavy chain amino acid sequence and specific light chain amino acid sequence. The Applicants hereby elect **SEQ. ID NO. 5** as the heavy chain amino acid sequence and **SEQ. ID NO. 23** as the light chain amino acid sequence. The Applicants respectfully submit that newly added Claims 22 and 23 are specifically directed to embodiments in which a heavy chain polypeptide has SEQ. ID NO. 5 and a light chain polypeptide has SEQ. ID NO 23. Further, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 22 and 23 are part of Group I since both claims recite that the drug of abuse comprises amphetamine.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and respectfully submits that the case is now in condition for examination on the merits. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain, or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned to discuss such issues.


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